

[English]

Setting up of National Gas Grid

2449. SHRI GOPI NATH
GAJAPATHI:
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD
SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a
proposal to set up a National Gas Grid;

(b) if so, the main objective of setting up
such a Grid;

(c) the tentative date by which it is
expected to be set up; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATU-
RAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S.
KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Several proposals
in this regard have been made from time to
time but no decision has been taken to set
up a National Gas Grid.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

**Production and Demand of Petroleum
Products**

2450. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between
production and demand of petroleum prod-
ucts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on October
31, 1991; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be
taken to bridge the gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATU-
RAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S.
KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.
The shortfall is made up by imports of pe-
troleum products.

(c) Amongst the steps being taken by
the Government to bridge the gap of petro-
leum products are;

(i) Intensification of activities relating
to exploration and production of
crude oil and natural gas;

(ii) Setting up of grass root refineries
and expansion of existing refiner-
ies; and

(iii) Attaching high priority to energy
conservation measures in all sec-
tors of the economy.

**World Bank Loan for Sri Ramsagar and
Srisaillam Right Bank Canal Projects**

2451. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the
Minister of WATER RESOURCES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank loan pro-
vided for the Sri Ramsagar and Srisaillam
Right Bank Canal Project in Andhra Pradesh
is likely to lapse within the next two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures being taken
in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-
SOURCE (SHRI VIDYACHARAN
SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir. Sri Ram Sagar and